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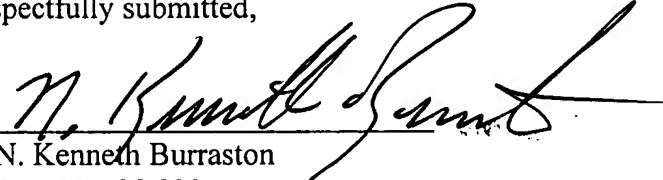
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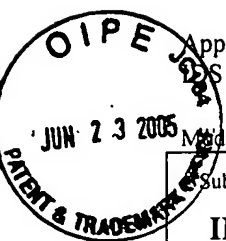
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	1.	5152695		Grabbe et al.	10/6/1992		No <sup>***</sup>
	2.	5297967		Baumberger et al.	3/29/1994		No <sup>***</sup>
	3.	5506499		Puar	4/9/1996		No <sup>***</sup>
	4.	6184576		Jones et al.	2/6/2001		No <sup>***</sup>
	5.	6441315		Eldridge et al.	8/27/2002	x	No <sup>***</sup>
	6.	6825422		Eldridge et al.	11/30/2004	x	No <sup>***</sup>
	7.	2002/0053734		Eldridge et al.	5/9/2002	x	No <sup>***</sup>

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	8.	JP	60-10298		Koizumi et al.	4/9/1985	x	Yes
	9.	JP	62-158778		Aso et al.	10/8/1987	x	Yes
	10.	JP	63-48063		Kishino	2/29/1988	x	Yes
	11.	JP	08-78110		Uchida	3/22/1996	x	Yes

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